

General Military Information

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13 March 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 12 February 1953, an AT gun without muzzle brake and three trucks [redacted] were seen in a fenced-in section of the Albrechts Kaserne in Vienna. Tank trucks [redacted] all occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, drove up to the installation. The assistant drivers went into the installation and returned a short time later. The trucks joined a column of tank trucks, which came from the Wilhelms Kaserne [redacted]

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The entire column left toward the fuel depot at the winter harbor.

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2. [redacted] on 9 February, four JS-3 tanks [redacted] and 25 [redacted] trucks [redacted], occupied by an officer and 12 soldiers, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the barracks installation in Kagrán (P 49/X 49). The column went to the firing area near Sueszenbrunn (P 49/S 40), from where they returned [redacted] Jeep [redacted], occupied by a captain and truck [redacted] also left the installation. The drivers as well as the captain wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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3. On 10 February, five officers, including a lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, were seen at the former Pionier Kaserne in Hainburg (P 49/X 89). Only a few soldiers, about 6 rocket launchers, 2 tank trucks and 12 trucks were seen in the installation. A rocket launcher left the installation. A local resident stated that the present unit moved into the installation in the fall of 1952, after the installation had been vacant for about two years.

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6. On 9 February, truck [] and sedan [] the drivers of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, were seen at the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21). About 30 soldiers practiced on two ballistic directors. Two 85-mm AA guns were in the Artillerie Kaserne. About 15 soldiers were practicing on two other 85-mm AA guns. Miniature parachutes were moved and commands shouted, at the installation for movable targets. A major wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and another major wearing black-bordered red epaulets were seen at the installation on Schaumannsgasse, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Radio truck [] the driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, was seen in front of the installation.

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7. Material loaded at the St. Poelten (O 49/W 88) railroad station on 11 February included: Jeeps [] the latter with a rod antenna; 10 AT guns with muzzle brake and 10 Studebaker trucks [] and SU-76 guns [] and [] coming from the direction of Camp Spratzern and having rod antennas on their right side; armored scout car [] with a rod antenna; and tank truck [] at about noon. Truck [], driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, carrying fuel barrels and coming from the direction of Camp Spratzern, was unloaded and subsequently returned to the camp. A short time later, trucks [] and radio truck [] arrived from the direction of Camp Spratzern and [] a field kitchen arrived from the direction of the barracks installation west of Schiessstattring. Subsequently, these vehicles were entrained. [] about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 3 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, and coming from the direction of the barracks installation west of Schiessstattring, were entrained in 2 coaches and 3 boxcars. The engine of the troop train was faced toward Tulln (O 49/S 10) [] The garages west of the former Kreisgericht were empty.

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3. Comment. [redacted] reported rocket launchers in 25X1
the former Pioneer Kaserne in Hainburg. The statement by a local
resident that the present unit moved into the installation as late
as in the fall of 1952 and that the installation had been vacant since
about 1950, does not contradict available information. The unit may 25X1C
belong to the 15th Gds RL Bn of the 13th Gds Mecz Div.

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